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1. [] numerous heavy detonations heard from the direction of the sea area northwest of Koelpinsee (lake) on the night of 1 July 1953 were reported of heavy guns. He also saw red signal rockets at sea at the same time, but was unable to observe the firing exercise, as the beach of Usedom Island had to be evacuated by visitors by 10 p.m. and remained prohibited area until daytime. On the morning of 2 July 1953, three sea police vessels, about 40 to 50 meters long, were lying at anchor off Koelpinsee. They had apparently no armament. One vessel was about 300 meters from the beach, and the other two were about 1,000 meters from the shore. Two sailors of the boat nearest to the beach landed in a rubber boat. They stated that the three vessels were former German M-type minesweepers.

25X1C 2. Nine sea police AS-boats including [redacted] were engaged in firing practice at sea east of Moscow, about 200 to 500 meters from the coast, between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 16 July 1953. They fired at a floating wooden structure. Each of the boats, at standstill at a distance of between 100 and 150 from the target separately fired one shot on the target from a light gun, repeating this exercise several times and then, during the second exercise which followed, steered past the target at a distance of about 100 meters, firing single shots. Target practice was finished at 2 p.m., when a boat took the target in tow. Six boats left in the direction of Swinemunde and the other three in the direction of Peenemunde.

25X1A 3. Comment. This is the first information to indicate target practice from the sea area off Usedom Island. Previously, target practice was held in Prorer Wiek.

25X1C Sea police vessels are reported for the first time. They possibly were Soviet warships, as they left in the direction of Swinemünde after finishing the target practice.

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